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SUBJECT: CZECH-FRENCH ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED  
DURING STROUGAL VISIT.

REF: PRAGUE 2767, BONN 12495.

1. THE TEN-YEAR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED  
BY CZECH PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL DURING HIS OFFICIAL  
PARIS VISIT NOVEMBER 12-14 WAS, ACCORDING TO QUAI  
ECONOMIC OFFICER (RAYNAL), STRICTLY A FORMALITY,  
LARGELY FOR SHOW PURPOSES, AND IMPLIED NO SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGE IN CZECH-FRENCH TRADE. HE SAID IT UNDERLINED  
THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF BOTH PARTIES TO AUGMENT TRADE  
AND IN EFFECT UPGRADED CZECH-FRENCH "MIXED-COMMISSION."

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RAYNOL EMPHASIZED THAT INITIATIVE WAS TAKEN BY CZECHS

AND THE FRENCH FELT VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL. STROUGAL WAS GIVEN THE USUAL COURTESIES BUT THE PRESS FOUND LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE TO WRITE ABOUT THE VISIT. EMBOFF WAS SHOWN TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO READ BUT DOCUMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED TO EC, SO QUAI COULD NOT PROVIDE OFFICIAL COPY TO EMBASSY.

2. QUAI OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT THE CZECH DELEGATION HAD VOICED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE LARGE PORTION OF THEIR WESTERN TRADE WHICH WAS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FRG) AND THAT THEY HOPED TO DISTRIBUTE THE TRADE MORE EVENLY IN THE FUTURE. QUAI PROVIDED FOLLOWING PERCENTAGE FIGURES OF CZECH EXPORT TRADE DISTRIBUTION WITHIN MAIN SIX WESTERN COUNTRIES:

COUNTRY	1974	FIRST 6 MONTHS 1975
FRANCE	8.5	14.2
FRG	56.1	50.2
GREAT BRITAIN	8.5	8.4
USA	3.9	4.3
AUSTRIA	12.6	13.65
ITALY	10.0	9.2

3. QUAI OFFICIAL PROJECTED THAT THE REMAINDER OF 1975 WOULD CONTINUE TREND SET IN FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1975 IN WHICH FRENCH EXPORTS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR 1975 INCREASED BY 41 PERCENT AND IMPORTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD INCREASE ONLY BY 5 PERCENT OVER 1974. HE REPORTED A FRENCH SURPLUS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF 85 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS (EXPORT 505 MILLION--IMPORT 420 MILLION) IN 1974 AND DURING FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1975 A FRENCH SURPLUS OF 190 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS (EXPORT 514 MILLION --IMPORT 324 MILLION).

4. GOF SEES FEW POSSIBILITIES OF REDRESSING SERIOUS TRADE IMBALANCE WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EXCEPT THROUGH A NATURAL RESULT OF THE EASING OF THE "WESTERN RECESSION" OR THROUGH INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN JOINT PROJECTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH WOULD FAMILIARIZE FRENCH

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CONSUMERS TO A GREATER DEGREE WITH CZECH CONSUMER PRODUCTS.  
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